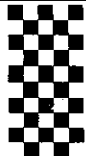


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*As approved by NLC Officers on May 19, 2003*



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**Barbara Craig**

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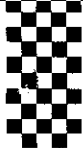
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Yours truly,

John Krueger



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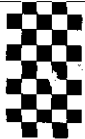
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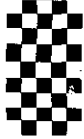


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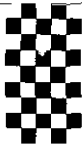
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May 21, 2003

The Honorable Michael Powell  
Chairman  
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Dear Chairman Powell:

As Members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, the Congressional Black Caucus and the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus we are writing to express our serious concerns regarding the changes currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). As Chairman of the FCC you have publicly expressed your decision to release the revised broadcast ownership rules in final form on June 2<sup>nd</sup> without affording Congress or the public the opportunity to comment directly on the impact that new specific policies will have on competition, localism, access to multiple sources of information and minority participation.

Although the exact details of the proposed changes have not been made public, we are extremely concerned that they will significantly undermine current FCC rules that were intended to promote minority participation and preserve multiple media voices and opinions in the electronic and print media industries.

Major findings of a 1999 study by Santa Clara University and University of Missouri indicate that there is a positive correlation between minority ownership and diverse content in the media. Still, since the passage of the 1996 Telecommunications Act, the overall number of radio station owners has decreased by at least 30 percent. According to a study by the Department of Commerce, in 2000 minorities owned 248 AM stations and 178 FM facilities. This represented 4.0 percent of the country's 10,577 commercial AM and FM radio stations.

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The Hon. Michael Powell

May 21, 2003

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We support the principle that no changes to our broadcast ownership rules should occur without first making a convincing case that such changes will promote minority ownership in the broadcast industry. We urge the FCC, in the strongest terms possible, to open its proposed rules to public and Congressional comment and to demonstrate that such rules address the principle of promoting minority ownership.


In addition, the FCC publicly announced on May 19, 2003 the creation of an Advisory Committee on Diversity. We commend your efforts and interest in creating such a body. An advisory group representative of the interests and possessing the knowledge and experience of the communities whose voices we seek to amplify could accelerate the FCC's efforts at promoting diversity. As elected representatives from these minority communities, we look forward to the chance to work with you on the formation of the Advisory Committee and execution of its mandate.

Because Hispanics, African Americans and Asian Americans represent such a small percentage of the nation's broadcast owners, we are deeply troubled by the possible impact that further relaxation of these rules would have on minority media ownership and the diversity of programming. As the owners of the nation's airwaves, the American public and its representatives in Congress must have a meaningful opportunity to review the FCC's proposed rules before their final adoption. Therefore, we respectfully request the opportunity to meet with you and the members of the Commission on this critical issue before any final decisions by the FCC are made. We look forward to your prompt response.


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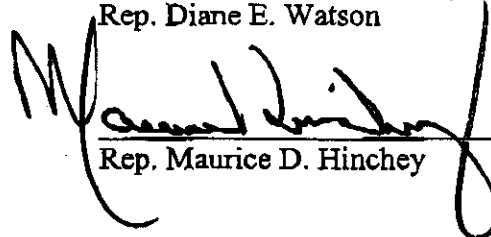
  
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